

May our lives be a direct reflection of who you are and our service would show your goodness.

We pray that you will continue to protect us and keep us safe.

In your son's name we pray, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Indee, Reagan and Chance Grassley. They are the children of Speaker Grassley.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Global Security), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a consolidated budget justification display that includes all programs and activities of the Department of Defense combating terrorism program (OSS-2021-0006); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation (direct final rule)" (RIN0790-AK47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assignment of American National Red Cross and United Services Organizations, Inc., Employees to Duty with the Military Services" (RIN0790-AK50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civil Money Penalties and Assessments Under the Military Health Care Fraud and Abuse Prevention Program" (RIN0720-AB74) received on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Defense Policy on Organizations That Seek to Represent or Organize Members of the Armed Forces in Negotiations or Collective Bargaining" (RIN0790-

AK23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Government wide Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements" (RIN0790-AJ45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definitions for Department of Defense Grant and Agreement Regulations in Subchapters A through F" (RIN0790-AJ46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Award Format for Department of Defense Grants and Cooperative Agreements" (RIN0790-AJ47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-9. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department Grant and Agreement Regulations" (RIN0790-AJ50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-10. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Policy Requirements: General Award Terms and Conditions" (RIN0790-AJ48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-11. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM)" (RIN0790-AK85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 6, 2021; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-12. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of 73 rescissions of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Foreign Relations; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Energy and Natural Resources; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Environment and Public Works; and Rules and Administration.

EC-13. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the National Emergencies Act, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order taking further steps to deal with the threat posed by the People's Republic of China's (PRC) increasing exploitation of United States capital which continues to allow the PRC to directly threaten the United States homeland and United States forces overseas; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-14. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pur-

suant to the National Emergencies Act, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 9844 of February 15, 2019, with respect to the southern border of the United States; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-15. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President together with the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisors; to the Joint Economic Committee.

EC-16. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to Full-Up, System Level (FUSL) survivability testing, and a Live Fire Test and Evaluation (LFT&E) on the F-15EX aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-17. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2019 Armed Forces Demographic Profile Report"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-18. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Eric P. Wendt, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 6. A resolution to elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 7. A resolution expressing the thanks of the Senate to the Honorable Chuck Grassley for his service as President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and to designate Senator Grassley as President Pro Tempore Emeritus of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 8. A resolution notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 9. A resolution notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 10. A resolution electing Gary B. Myrick, of Virginia, as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. Res. 11. A resolution electing Robert M. Duncan, of the District of Columbia, as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate; considered and agreed to.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 6—TO ELECT PATRICK J. LEAHY, A SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF VERMONT, TO BE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SCHUMER submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to: